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DIARY OF COL. THOMAS L. KANE

67 page diary kept by Kane during his trip from New York to California in January 1858. The trip began via steamer from New York to Panama, via railroad across the Isthmus of Panama, and steamer on to California. Kane used the alias of 'Dr. A. Osborne' for the journey, and in the diary. The diary, indicating it 'contains confidential entries for my dear wife,' describes the daily activities of the journey and surroundings.

The journey described herein was the first leg of a volunteer mission for Kane. Tensions were mounting between the Mormons and the federal government, as a contingent of the Army began moving to Salt Lake City. Kane, who had earned a reputation in the East as a 'Friend of the Mormons,' volunteered to help mediate. He journeyed via the route described above, so as to not encounter the Army traveling overland, and to try and reach Utah ahead of the Army. Owing to what Kane perceived as the delicate nature of his trip--he used the alias, which was in reality the name of his colored servant traveling with him.

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Pocket Diary

[contains confidential entries for my dear wife]

[illegible]

Read
Business P.S.
Back

O ma vallee Nerse

[redacted]

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Friday Jan. 8. Homesickness & Seasickness, the two worst things combined - Grief of body & grief of mind. No other way in which to observe my old Rule to put every time to its own work but to go In Retreat

Saturday Jan. 9. I permitted myself the indulgence of reading the leaves by my dear partner in her bible - but expecting to be reproached and melted by them. To lessen to her higher Will.

Whosoever shall persuade one of these little ones to forsake me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea.

Blessed are the peace makers for they shall be called the children of God.

{ Thus my wife & sister may believe that I am carrying the confidence is carrying his calling

But this above all

No man having put his hand to the plough and looking back is fit for the kingdom of God

Gratiae

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Sunday Jan. 10 3 P.M. How sweet to hope that I have passed the lethargic stage of my sea sickness – though it may be but the influence of a small island, to windward, on the tormenting waves. Still it is much to see out of my eyes – to breathe with some freedom, and believe that my prostration is a temporary affair and due to sea sickness alone. And it is much more to have a distinct perception of that beautiful home which I have been dreaming over so obscurely & fragmentally in my ~~dark~~ half-life. – Also, to write this without blinding headache, and at sunset fold my hands with the sentiment that I am praying for – who prays for me.

Monday Jan 11. Now the 4th day passing. May I believe I will survive the two weeks ~~more~~ and a half more of sea voyage between us & San Francisco? The worst of crossing the Sierra seems to me to be forgotten. But after that – After that hope & rest home – 10 mos? – perhaps Eternity.

Tuesday Jan. 12 – Confined to my berth. So I allow myself the solace of Effie's photograph, B. K.'s goodbye letter (I can bless it and her!) and other memorials & relics of home. Now I enshrine them here, these smallest fragments of the blessed body which was Home.

To think that it is still living – longing for me even, and it is I who have left it – To others praise for such atrocious courage! Hale it "Convent, my home, will thy walls never enclose me again?"

Wednesday Jan. 13 To day is I may hope the last of this trial – at least as far as this crank and rolling wet little Moses Taylor is concerned. They must be right in predicting a different state of things on the Pacific side. But if not – Well.

[illegible]

for the Isthmus! Not a harbor — an indentation in a coast or a marsh. Flanked wooden wharf piers built out, looking nearly as rude perhaps as the so called fast land. Our boats, baggage — passing under — [illegible] as much so for business as the shore on the day of a funeral — and for a similar cause. The inhabitants, [illegible] ing, squint-checked & jaundiced, [illegible] to stick at a [illegible] picking up money till [illegible]. They charge a quarter of a dollar [illegible] for carrying the [illegible] and [illegible] for any [illegible] and clothing thought [illegible]. [illegible] it [illegible] life. [illegible] were here for [illegible]

Several of the Steamers had Mean fronts — other Steamers were around. But they [illegible] not more than shot the wicked swamp. The real scene is — Marsh weeds, mangroves, [illegible] dead swamps — the [illegible] of cholera, vomito & fever.

Out of this runs a Railroad — Trains with unstacked cane seated cars — but the Rail Road — modern, unedged, [illegible], [illegible]. And through what a country — [illegible] all fertility, all the [illegible] — the most extravagant [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] beauty [illegible]

[illegible] & [illegible] & [illegible] — a perfect [illegible]
of fernwork of foliage. Nothing [illegible]
truly sublime for me than the Tropical forest.
— Flora [illegible] an [illegible] perfectly graceful
[illegible] of the Acacia tribe = large sized
[illegible] in a grove among palms — —
[illegible] 40 feet high Euphorbias highest
[illegible] fig trees. — Wild feather —
ostrich feather flower — white tipped with
pink purple — a flower like the Calla —
[illegible] of forest black as night, the
[illegible] hung down with ropes
of lianas. Exploration [illegible] to left.

[illegible]

[illegible] — The perfection of hanging ropes
and parasitic leafy. — Fond of O.
all comes & Bernardin St. Pierre and
tears off nothing, making Men. I Read him
first of fortunately.

With this — came a Rose, of
[illegible] colour — quite a delicate [illegible]
flood of banana leaves turned over by the
sweet breeze. — Shark of Mr. [illegible]
Tongue and also [illegible] palms heavy
with [illegible] — then the little park of
[illegible] — Palm leaf thatched
[illegible] — [illegible] of [illegible]

Inside & in front the yellow women with mass hats on, I relish unmistakably. On the River below (and in the distance farther up with a wooded another) — a canoe paddled along by a crew with long wide blades, such as Charon might use upon his waters, and with a paddle which reminds one to think of precisely like that given to the ship of Ferryman by Long Johanneot in Alcyone.

Albert E. & Mr. H are here to photograph the Egyptian area — but I have learned one lesson from the last time I was — to wait of publication from the hill among 5 feet [illegible]

flowers. They drop a sweet scent down upon me when I raise them, and the air is filled with their fragrance.

Oh blessed body, blood of Christ! — Often I shall not have more than the contentment and a hard rest — Sliding toward the downward to — — Next after what through a block of houses. Months; Circumstances [illegible] for sale. Small Turner Pictures. Playing Cards are commonly played with spirit here. Still out to day, the fine air is as exhilarating as ever. Lately I have had [illegible] the water-wood forests. They [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible]

moment shew themselves from out the
shrubbery, a sad sad sight, — the lazy
or fever swollen Irish labourers to whom
the indomitable power or
[illegible] probably belong :— 'Let us eat and
drink, for tomorrow we die.'

Here & there. They have gardens stocked
with [illegible] plots tied together. Small cottages
[illegible] (Infinite particulars of
[illegible] Robinson Crusoe) The long grass
[illegible] at first sight features
[illegible] They and the Indians
[illegible] the cottages [illegible]
[illegible] we now [illegible]
[illegible] like this we are [illegible]
[illegible]

contortionists and shapers. Pleis and
bright red painted iron bridges which
have telegraph wires accompany on the
right hand from one end to the other.

11 P.M. Philadelphia time. Since 11.30
we have constantly been skirting the shores of a
River. The constantly recurring phenomena
have been delicious. A marshy island — rough
a plantation of a dozen of fine shrubbery hedging in
of [illegible] — [illegible] yellow [illegible]
[illegible] — [illegible] on the edge of the [illegible]
[illegible] one of them [illegible]
[illegible] wooden [illegible]
[illegible]

what looked to be deep water, and long ropes of vines falling from the boughs and have enabled you to swing yourself out into such a delicious plunge bath!

At last we came to full stop – [illegible] the day oppressively hot except when in motion. We now saw among ~~[illegible]~~ hills upon which were the majority of vegetation [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] against the sky were some of the noblest palms [illegible] – [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. The soft [illegible] green of the [illegible] ground [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] effect [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

a little further, we were surrounded with orange & banana vending negroes, negresses and ladboys. They seemed to speak Spanish but the [illegible] was of the Catholic saints one and universal. ~~[illegible]~~ the capacity of [illegible] I was about to note their inferiority to the oranges of — But I have only stopped ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] my [illegible] one, and of a certainly intend to finish the rest of my dozen before we go much further.

– After this, my attention is [illegible] by a [illegible] with a queer animal to sell – something between a [illegible] a woodchuck and a rabbit. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]

yellow respectability with long black hair ingeniously
braided, has a bough of little 6 & 8 inch cones, bearing
even in this dreary weather
I buy fowls and they give me (4) be little
ears of hot corn — yellow and a little hard
but so clean & sweet inside. Their facility
that I count up as devoured of 12 (Monday)

4 ears of corn

2 Bananas large size

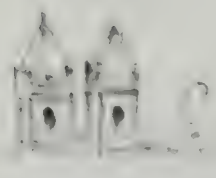
2 Limes

Oranges — without discretion

& also one branch of Flowers which
I have more than eaten — The
whole [illegible] of Language of

this country to offer to his God. Did the
Spanish conquerors despise them as it is said, he
is well deliverd. The taste of my
flowers is chiefly balm, heliotrope,
& jessamine — I do not know their
names — nor do I those of those
Indian's people — who also no doubt
have their individual qualities — and
~~little~~ histories too,

The detached hills rather more numerous — Some
appear rather higher & more conical. One is
[illegible] to the left — Flap Flap the
locomotive — Out of the windows of the cars appeared



[illegible] and there stands the [illegible] [illegible] after behind the [illegible] [illegible] of some flimsy pseudo detail Buildings. In the foreground two Jackasses and one a mulish looking negro, in blue coat, ought to be white trousers, with flint lock Gunpowder musket & a cartridge box labelled in gaudy text:

"Fendarmerie" — Panama,
del Estado

(Memorandum)

Thomas Taylor. Commander. John McGowan [illegible] officer probably. [illegible] — Howard a Southern man. Nancy Thomas — Raymond [illegible] [illegible] early and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible]

Morning smoothly out [illegible]

3. P. M. / Tridpio Jan. 12

But Old Panama from the Sea is a different thing. The Golden Gate is lying in the Roadstead some miles below the town, and since I have got off my last last lines by the last boat, and my state of uneasiness and continual queriness has in a measure subsided also — I have been prospecting it with the little Munich Spy glass. Present ruins :— the unroofed walls are crumbling out of shape like salts efflorescing in the air. Some, as seen in the distance, look to be falling to lime with the mortar that cemented them; others keep a rich rust red & yellow; others again are

coped with bronze green vegetation, and there is blearily no more life left in the city to keep it down than in a dying tree to lash the growing moss from its limbs. — Four or five churches and their towers — A great architectural façade of involved mouldings, without a rear — a thick walled magazine — I easily make it out empty — the sea wall ending at the point in a pepper box guard house — which the soldier no longer looks out from. In only one tower I see left a bell. — For whom does this new ring? He passes under the arch-way which retains so many marks of once having been the gate of pride. On one carious front, I think I distinguish a coat of arms. Whose? — Were they peradventure carved at the noble bearer's cost, in Spain, and sent out to the builders by Sea? — Percunt Ruinæ — perierunt the braves warriors, and braves priests whose monuments they are. Now the turn of our Race has come — to dig the precious metals — to rule the inferior races to own the richest colonies, of the world. — It is my hope that we will be men of prowess not mechanics with words: but when our turn is over, and we too pass from these shores — the world will speak of

... of us as contemptuously as we
now dare to speak of the great Spaniards.
Sic verba [illegible].

Fairly out at Sea – a
sweet [illegible] blowing breeze, the
water got an even floor. I sit out
under the awning of the [illegible]
deck. nothing but enjoying myself –
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] – [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Sunset is seen without church,
but even Pilgrim Dante under whose
invocation wanderers keep the dying day
fell asleep probably thereabout & [illegible]
fasted on something in [illegible] of [illegible]
himself that he occasionally dined out.
I have been dining and doing the good [illegible]
[illegible] gentleman of the bottle [illegible]
a wager with faithful shilling that I could
maintain the sole possession of my State
Room opening on the Deck. — I am
the winner – by universal consent too,
though [illegible]
[illegible]

veritas forsooth – in vino omnis
decepitio. Three people tried me to
go to bed hard proving to Osborne on
how wrong a quarter of our hemisphere
America has been planted; and two
of these have both taken it upon them
selves to make my fortune for me in
California. The inquisitions might
enquire are such natives of that
prepossessing country? An answer in
the affirmative appears to be called
for on the premises.

— A Dr. of different spirit [illegible]
[illegible] day to see [illegible]

Cross. – Our latitude is now
nearly 7° 2' [illegible] the Magellanic
Clouds. J. H. B.
Nami: Stillman – [illegible]
Saturday Jan. 15. – I went
asleep only enough to dream about the
Crucifixion, which figured after a [illegible]
[illegible] cross, and finally the one
which I had made for my inseparable Bessie
of natural pebbles. [illegible]
[illegible]. All the hymns I knew begin-
ning: O crux fidelis, etc.
came into my mind.

[redacted]

[redacted]) — John Walters quotation of the Divine Commandments and then truly & reverentially thought of our dear brother. The Spectacle deeply impressed me, and I felt in a second slumber with my [illegible] upon the Bible of Bibles.

The second day upon this Peaceful Water. and blessing for me goes with the word; and it is hard to mark the passage of the pleasant time. Sky and sea at it is light blue by day & dark blue by night, with as much rose & gold as you would be divid[illegible]

from below. — The climate has the influence on me of Café noir — taken before going to the French opera. — when Nineteen says to himself a particular is dressing for her part thinking of me — and yet it settles me somehow into the [illegible] drunkards feeling that I want to sing without singing that I am [illegible] without thought. — [illegible] credit to any one for thinking or feeling Sunday in such weather. (Today is called Saturday, but to me it is [illegible] day. [illegible]

If Venus indeed it began that suffron-robed
the Pacific Ocean was born from the
side of the Beautiful Mother.

She was bound her people
crowned her daughters except at the horizon.
I never pleased me because I was
so ill before — Our error. the unnecessary
error — before us. and even Lucretius
looked not to it — the Creator for the time
created. — Venus is not the Sea nor
the daughter of the Sea — nor child or
offspring of any little bay or inlet or
of minor sphere. — But the heavenly

have made Thee perilous worship in any of
the forms or language which they have
omitted to us — It seems profane to
associate this Latin name with my Redeemer
wife, and the children of his holy bosom

I think it is a sign of returning
mental health, that I long for Lucretius
again. — And it is perhaps a meaning
fact too that when my thoughts are turned
upon long among the Heathens, I am
mindful so constantly of the ~~[illegible]~~
~~[illegible]~~ halfness of our
modern Protestantism —

upon the Plains. — for I developed ~~[illegible] of that~~ American human nature — of the strongest sort — with the skin off. — Puritanism: Yankee Jew: he God worships — I may look for — with what half shed me Religion there was among the [illegible] hearted fighting men who recalled [illegible] good ~~masculine~~ manhood against Chivalry and the Virgin Mary. — I can fancy them like good Massachusetts [illegible] or Mohammedan monotheists, [illegible] giving green their temples all images of human rays — of Jesus — of [illegible]

but are terribly born into the world: — I find that I can think of nothing more impossible or inconsistent on the part of Providence, than that Joe Smith, Jesus Christ of Nazareth, or Mormon, than bowing down now before the Shrine of the Venus de Medicis. —

— Mormonism is [illegible] the [illegible] religion!!

By Jove, it is a confession to Mormonism what — thrust this same Mormonism — I wonder they should hate it — If — the [illegible] [illegible] religion [illegible] Mormon.

Sunday January 17. Sunday in name and fact. — Had many pensive thoughts of home. Yet it is probably to a dream I had last night of going photographing with my dear companion. She must be alive today and thoughtful of me when she prays to have sheltered with her under the [illegible] divine wings. Amen.

— A rough draft of Thad's tried upon us out of the gulf of Fonseca made the night uneasy, and the calm of next morning was appreciated. [illegible] — from [illegible] & [illegible] we went to bed [illegible]

Monday January 18.

— Have passed the morning talking with Californian miners, drovers, and adventurers who ad persuade me that I am going back to what I might never to have left — or rather ceased to be — 10 years ago. — More than 10 years of the prime of life so much worse than thrown away! — Oh, and what melancholy I and have to say this but for the coming of my dear wife and her dear children. — [illegible] the [illegible] Pacific [illegible] yet our shapes balanced by [illegible]

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my temperament to have given over the worship of Idealina without becoming an infidel. — And I — I have found her all in one, living, loving woman. — But that God bless the day I first sought her.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Have the Southern Cross in sight from my window as I lie in bed, from I till daylight when I rise. It never fails to appear on duty, and I note, moreover, for its days.

Tuesday 19. In helpless headache & distress from the influence of the S.E. and Cold blowing over the narrow Isthmus which is at the Gulf of Tehuantepec. Write this after Wednesday Jan. 20. Weak & faded — Homesick of course, but as always unprovided with sentimental words upon the subject. Letters home for the steamer — Acapulco mail, without a word to express our wearyful longing. It is the hardest earnest, this time for me to give way in any other manner than a child's cry — tears, or silence arising from an excessive shame at

Thursday Jan 21. I might write a chapter to day upon this morning's visit to Acapulco, but am sure my wife wd. thank me more for an afternoon of idle ease, as I have now but one week more left of this restless cruise. We have had an interesting afternoon on board, a positive luxury — Commyfell was not at office and he is giving his whole time to me, who do not consider him beneath my notice, as a officer. The account of Hearsey is most interesting, but he deserves all credit for his military behaviour as

a Pinto Indian as Col. Inge has been telling me. Alvarez father he says was a Spaniard — and his Mother a Negress — very black and with the wool & scrubbing brush effect. In Alvarez grand children this has disappeared again.

Two or three of the Indian women or girls rather for they take on womanish ways at an early age, must have made a strong impression on me. With this Ran all the other novel objects at Acapulco — I feel upon it yet. The whole church on the plaza — the fleas

the naked boys who swam & screamed around our boats — the sumptuous continental breakfast that I ate over — I remember the peculiar hunter, their glossy black hair, the unique expression of their large eyes. Indeed in Terra Cotta you wd. call one of them the female of Pleasure. A pattern of the wild creatures lay upon the floor of an adobe house

[illegible]

[illegible]

of dignified port played foolish tunes
on – one after another, quite unconscious of the apparent incongruity of
his position. She on the other hand
was just where she should be – though
her fresh white dress boiled itself at
[illegible]
the barbarous tune – he rally the laughing
dancers led by it, and by their jeering
and laughter induce the bashfulness
[illegible]
disreputable premises – was positively
[illegible] position. [illegible] thought
[illegible] the great [illegible] –

but said she had reason to be thankful
that she was not born into Philadelphia
society, where men of education & position wd. have coralled her not only
alone themselves, but their friends
[illegible] kind of [illegible]
the little unusual woman, wd. but always be.
seen as draggy his white dress over
the dirt floor of a mud brick hut.

This is my reflection for St Agnes Eve
written like most of the entries in this diary
by the wind flickered light of my little stove
burning light. – [illegible] St Agnes eve,
chill it was.

Darkness was a cold day. Shall I
ever [illegible] with other thoughts pen [illegible]
flowers? It is as close & sultry
tonight as if a hurricane were brewing,
and the mountain shores which we have
been all day passing under, looked scorched
burnt & parched, down to the waters edge.
I see through the glass, not a breath
appears to stir the leaves of the bananas
[illegible] palms. Those [illegible] forest
[illegible] no sabbath [illegible] we have
[illegible] lost by tackles. I enjoy
the Sabbath Oceans & have been reflecting
many an [illegible] that will come will have

been given to my dear one — but we
will not admit that in our hearts we have
not kept M. Agnes Eve.

Friday Jan. 22.

If my dear friend ed. only
know me as I have been since leaving
home! If in happiness I ed only
live in the same house as when my
heart is lonely, I have now passed
17 days, have I performed one base
thought. If I can bear myself thus
while my duty is performed, I can
[illegible] life if my obscurity [illegible]
[illegible] only [illegible] have [illegible]
[illegible]

Saturday, Jan. 23. – Last night, the Steamer or something of the kind broke on the Starboard Engine and after some little noise and confusion caused by the break=ing and the escape of Steam, we lay dead in the water upon the ocean a while. At two of these hours order was restored enough to enable us to proceed with one engine at the rate of about 6 miles an hour. We are leaving behind us the consequence of a collision with the nearest shallow part of the coast, the result, in all fair – we will see when we get to Melbourne.

Sunday, Jan. 24. – Saw the last star this morning, of the Southern Cross. – But it will come nevertheless to view. Yet we shall believe that it does so in our Star-lit sky not because we caught which the opposite region does for my welfare. – The Southern Cross – the Faith in God of my Conversion – I have to believe what I did, dare not. What other Faith shall the exact of me. For I desire to believe all that is true – the desire to believe in all that is good.

A piece of good news this morning. The engineers who have been harassing their shows workshop night & day since our accident have succeeded in making something take the place of something else and thus set the engines at work, increasing our speed to 10 or 11 miles an hour. We still rest a week or a week.

But my Sunday with Eliz. was too sad to dwell. Then seemed to me half right when I think how was passed my last Sunday in her real presence.

Good but for her precious writings: or the Book — "Ah, when the infinite tides of life descendeth upon me — Then it is good to pray unto God for the children. Sorrow, Pain be near me — and I feel But he hears & helps & consoles them.

When I read her words, I can hear the accents of her lovely voice: but the inability to do so makes the dark night more than it shd. be, lonely.

After this was written, I thought myself specially unhappy enough to turn at my usual Girard Street Love Letter. — My friend what? Poetry! of course

into bitter weeping, and feel upon
be more required

[illegible] Monday.

[illegible]

Tuesday Jan. 26

not henceforth regarded as salutary. — I
I might have been I have not been — what
I have been I have been — what I will be,
this shall be my present thought & future.

Wednesday Jan. 27. The above I
managed to get written before turning in
last night; and, reading it over, find it
to be good truth. I resolved that
night to cut off these front locks — upon
which I have written and sent them
by mail to my wife. I might therefore
be wise here that I am resolved to
any amount of trouble or loss rather

by my recollections of how unfit my
troubles have probably made me for
leaving a sweet, improved, gentleman
& Christian life. What I am conscious
of numerous imperfections more frequently
alas than I suspect; — but that I
will be well rewarded for my pilgrimage
if it gives me alone health of body and
firmness of deportment. I regret my
[illegible] of speech & [illegible] to my [illegible]
[illegible] — to [illegible]
free & as Polly even — But this [illegible]
[illegible] I must [illegible] the
[illegible] of Repentance [illegible]

and let the present time of the Cuban
mould me according to its will. I
have lessons enough in my office U. S.
[illegible] lessons and simple pro-
cedure of subjection must be
learned reference to the use of the
[illegible].

No man having [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible]

I am fourteen [illegible]
[illegible] by what my [illegible] the
[illegible] yard as a stage of [illegible] for
[illegible] upon the [illegible]
days sharp sickness, I am left

stronger to day than when I left
Philadelphia. I never in my life
before knew what it was to gain strength
after a sea voyage, never before made
a voyage of any length without storm
and disaster. Not [illegible] we are, there
can be no doubt of it, within 36 or
40 hours of S. Francisco, with every
prospect favoring, and almost the certain-
ty of arriving without accident. What
[illegible] more striking is that we
[illegible] upon our [illegible]
day, [illegible] January 2nd that I [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] —

day of the greatest misfortunes of my life; yet here, this day, upon the Pacific Ocean — all calm & sunshine and delicious sailing in and out among beautiful islands. Saint Clement — Saint Nicolas — Santa Catalina —— See here, Mr Osborne, come out on to the office deck — there's a sight for you — see that white cloud above Saint Catalina! that's the snow on top of old Mount St. Bernardine! —

January 24. Lat. 34 Long. 119 [illegible]

bygones; what has he to do with them? I know no better to day, than yesterday or last year; but I feel as if I were coming nearer to hot butter beans. At least when I return, dear Bessie, I shall not place you ~~out~~ as an unmeaning second with "San Bernardino".

Meanwhile, it is certain that the horse head of the Old Saint is an uncanny sight. With the glass I can [illegible] the ~~descending~~ furrows down the brows, as the valleys are to be observed on the face of the moon; but way [illegible] there, on the single distance

at which we see it to day (they call it as much as 150 miles; tho. I cannot tell) it produces an effect quite as sublime as a heavenly object. It has the advantage too over the Moon upon the horizon — that it stands still while to go down — There the great Orbs old white they have been burning all day.

— I see an axe of him through the walls of my State Room — for she I step out I shall see him again 5 P.M. — Just so. — There he was still

— I called him my question, in the name of C.A.W. No answer. Let to take Sun and I may — [illegible]

Thursday, January 25. 1855

So that first of January 24th closed at 12 last night, the full moon in the zenith, the sea glass calm, the Coast Range of elevation [illegible] to starboard, a welcoming light house shining from a headland astern to say: you have passed "Pt. Conception" [illegible] Seal of Saint Francisco. Thursday we must arrive this very night, and that the [illegible] and other [illegible] upon the [illegible]

a couple of days more sea life before me, returning upon the track to St. Pierre, perhaps. But for my own comfort, I would be glad to exchange them for my easiest snow tramp to Fort Hall — if I can order upon that route without the three [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] and a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. But I do wish and I feel this day [illegible] [illegible] to remind me [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] — no [illegible]

no vow, but devoutly pray that I may never again — never again — expose myself to what I never felt to suffer on the Ocean. I write this at the close of what all my fellow passengers agree in characterizing as a voyage [illegible] with almost unprecedented weather. Until it was January 5, we [illegible] [illegible] to Colón [illegible] — which [illegible] to passenger [illegible] [illegible] as we approached the Tropic; and [illegible] [illegible] at the Isthmus ~~[illegible]~~ finally returned, July 15, [illegible] to sail for September again. [illegible]

had, at the worst, no sea rougher than a Bombay Sloop; we have not had one gale, one stiff breeze even — we [illegible] had ten minutes rain or [illegible] storm, not one mist, fog or haze at any hour to prevent our seeing where we headed that we were sailing for. [illegible] the Golden Gate [illegible] — for the Pilot was sailed to meet the ship — & so they came [illegible] as well as with despatch. I am deeply thankful — but desire [illegible] thankfulness by a [illegible]

mmer sun. Never, no, never again upon the Sea!

This is my safeguard against the temptation of bringing you with, to California. The universal testimony of my fellow passengers, satisfied or dissatisfied with the country in other respects, is in favor of its marvellous climate. But I shall be in the decline of life when I forget — what I have suffered — what my dearest Elisha over suffered, and how often, before he ~~had his mind of~~ became a crusader — he vowed that he would never again embark upon the Sea.

But my dearest, the night is
falling fast, and however reluctant
I may be to postpone it one further,
make my last Entry in your
diary. — It humbles me to think
it, but I cannot [illegible]
[illegible] I am [illegible]
you will not have [illegible]
[illegible] from my [illegible]
may be that my mind has grown [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

of childhood could find no other natural
expression than a hooray right out.
When I fold hands at the deceased
house, I am remembering that you are
the praying sister, I find no form
of words but: Take all that I am in
life take a little even of my wifes affection
ah. I value more, if only we may feel
our worship of God to be one and the
same. When I say this as honestly
and simply as I do, I know that I
have expressed all the phases necessary.
I do not mean saying [illegible]

words I want of words, but
believe what I say this Sunday,
that I love you with unfeigned love,
and am keeping [illegible]
love & duty until I have made you
[illegible] as perfect. [illegible] of a heart
[illegible] more burning [illegible] it is that
[illegible] and that my life [illegible]
[illegible] to supply them.
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Care of my mind, my strength
and health of every kind, which
I do simply leave with God
Right. God Bless you God bless you
and keep you for ever.'

Yours as ever

Say to Pat, in the matter
of a Commission about which I
wrote him in haste from near Acapulco
that unless the thing can be suggested, so delicately distantly and
impersonally as good fortune as
well as good management can
contrive – better let it rest.
But I am clear upon the
point of P. authors sustaining
Platt Pendleton animo – Animo
et totis viribus. I ask this
of him as a personal favor
if he needs it.
C. P. H will give you my Policy
of Insurance – before May 8.
when the premium falls due

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There was some talk after I
had written Goodbye, on page [illegible] of
our being kept outside the Golden Gate
to-day [illegible] by one of the fogs
common here in such pleasant weather.
But while they were croaking over it, there
sprang up a sharp north wind which dissipated
every chance of such a disappointment. The
[illegible] sky [illegible] till the full moon
fully rose: the well known headlands lead us
to still better known light houses on the Heads
[illegible] Gate. [illegible] the scream of the
[illegible] hardly [illegible] my
ears — and the feeling of the sea swell [illegible]
rolling under my feet — I am making arrange-
ments with servants and subsidized persons
[illegible] Hotel [illegible], and
[illegible]
In the [illegible] past [illegible] whose [illegible]
[illegible] to outshine the [illegible].
[illegible]
[illegible] to the latest [illegible] Farewell.

From the Home of the [illegible]
at Acapulco —
[illegible]
[illegible]

what it means.